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SUBJECT: VIEWS OF BROSSOLETTE ON FRENCH COORDINATION
WITH IEA

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH DCM AND ECON/COM MIN,
BROSSOLETTE, SECRETARY GENERAL OF ELYSEE, WAS ASKED HOW
HE ENVISAGED GOF COOPERATION WITH IEA PURSUANT TO
MARTINIQUE COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE ORGANIZED. HE REPLIED
THAT HE HAD NOT GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO THE MATTER YET
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BUT DID NOT THINK THAT IT PRESENTED DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

CLEARLY THE COORDINATION OF FRENCH AND IEA POSITIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE OECD. HE ASSUMED THAT IT WOULD BE A RELATIVELY SIMPLE MATTER FOR THE STAFF PAPERS PREPARED FOR THE IEA TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AS WELL TO FRANCE AND OTHER INTERESTED NON-IEA MEMBERS. THE QUESTION WAS HOW OFFICIAL VIEWS OF THE TWO GROUPS SHOULD THEN BE COORDINATED. ONE POSSIBILITY HE HAD BEEN TURNING OVER IN HIS MIND WAS THE CREATION OF A STEERING GROUP COMPOSED OF TWO OR THREE IEA MEMBERS AND TWO OR THREE NON-IEA MEMBERS. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WAS TO USE THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP OF THE OECD OIL COMMITTEE. BROSSOLETTE INDICATED THAT HE RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF AN EARLY DECISION ON THIS QUESTION.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS AND OUR DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES THAT THE GOF, WHILE IT WILL NOT ABANDON ITS NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD PARTICIPATION IN THE IEA, INTENDS TO COOPERATE CONSTRUCTIVELY IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSUMER SOLIDARITY AS THE FIRST STAGE OF THE FOUR SEQUENTIAL STAGES AGREED ON AT MARTINIQUE. SINCE THE FRENCH ARE ANXIOUS THAT THE MARCH TARGET DATE BE MET, WE CAN ASSUME THAT THEY WILL MOVE PROMPTLY TO WORK OUT PROCEDURES FOR COORDINATING THEIR POSITION WITH THOSE OF THE IEA MEMBERS.

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